the Railways propose to do. I request the Minister to please reply.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Sir, we have already answered that we are proposing, not only proposing but we are taking measures which will enable the Railways to meet what is projected as almost doubling of demand by the year 2000. As the hon. Member must be knowng—he is well informed—a corporate plan has been drawn up. We will proceed according to that corporate plan.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Paradip Port with the help of M/s. Hyundai Corporation

*82. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's negotiations with M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea for the development of Paradip Port have reached almost the final stage;

(b) what was the recommendation of working group constituted by Government for the development of Paradip Port and how far the same has been implemented;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and whether any terms and conditions have been imposed by the Corporation before its execution; and

(d) by when the detailed project report is expected to be received by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) No negotiations are underway with M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea for development of Paradip Port.

Working Group appointed by this Ministry had recommended in February, 1986 that the proposal of M/s. Hyundai Corporation is technically feasible and financially viable. The development of the Port facilities was estimated at Rs. 228 crores ((1985 prices).

The Hyundai Corporation has been entrusted with the preparation of the Detailed Project Report which is expected by the end of April, 1989.

Damage to roads in Punjab by Floods

*84. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to recent floods in Punjab, the roads in that State, with a total length of 8000 Kms. are still not traffic-worthy;

(b) whether Government propose to send a Central Team to Punjab to assess the damage to roads;

(c) what assistance has been provided to Punjab, so far, to repair the roads; and

(d) by when all the roads in Punjab would be made traffic-worthy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Out of 882 Kms of National Highways in the State, for the maintenance of which Central Government is responsible, only 3 Kms are still closed to traffic which will be restored by the end of November, 1988. State Government have reported that 894 Kms of State roads are closed to traffic and are expected to be made traffic-worthy by January, 1989.

The State Government has been requested to give priority for immediate restoration of the damaged State roads and an expenditure upto Rs. 10 crores has also been authorised for this purpose. For urgent repair to National Highways as sum of Rs. 35.00 lakhs has been released in addition to the provision of Rs 287.88 lakhs for maintenance.

The Central Team for assessing the requirements of Central assistance for flood